

The Congregational Church of Salisbury

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



19th Sunday
of Pentecost



4 October
2026,
10am

PRELUDE

“Irish Interlude”

Philip Lehenbauer

WELCOME

✠ **HYMN #451**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

(✠ *The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 135)

ONE: Your name, O Lord, endures forever, renown through all the ages.

ALL: For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants

The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they do not speak.

They have eyes, but they do not see.

They have ears, but they do not hear,

a nose but there is no breath in their mouths.

Those who make them and all who trust them shall become like them.

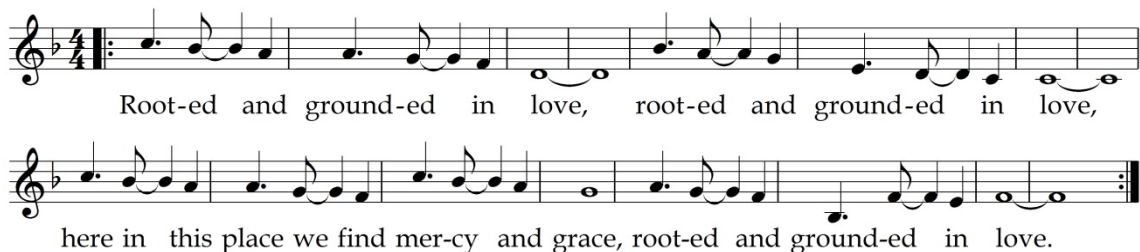
O house of Israel, bless the Lord!

Bless be the God of Zion. Praise the Lord!

RESPONSE IN SONG

“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

Barbara Hamm



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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We come into your presence, O God, as broken people in search of wholeness. We confess that we have blindly followed cultural whims when you call us to be followers of Jesus. We confess that we have sought to protect what we possess when you call us to give ourselves away. God of grace release us from the idols that hold us captive. Forgive us when our vision of you is too small. Break the mirrors of vanity to let your light enter our worlds, fill our lives, and ignite our passion for what is good . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

One: Lord in your mercy . . .

All: . . . hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (REPEAT AS GUIDED)

By God's grace, you are created again.

In Christ, you are accepted, no matter what.

Through the Holy Spirit, you are freed to truly live.

Be at peace and know you are forgiven.

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OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Offerings not specifically designated for the Church (including any checks with “Light of Service” or “LOS” in the memo line) will be given to an organization doing compassionate work that complements our church’s mission. This week, we share our gifts with Neighbors in Need.

ONE: God has poured gifts into our lives; we now return our tithes and offerings.

**ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise,
and offer them to God’s purposes.**

OFFERINGS TO GOD

ANTHEM

“Locus Iste”

Anton Bruckner

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
One God of grace, whom we adore! Amen.**

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All that we have comes from you, Lord God. Grant us the grace it
takes to let loose and return it. Take all that we have and are, bless it
and break it, so it might be given to feed the famished spirit and
hungry body of those outside of these doors. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Mark 6: 1-6

New Testament, p.49

SECOND READING

Exodus 20: 1-6

Old Testament, p. 82

SERMON

“Breaking Mirrors”

Rev. Dr. Kirk Hall

✠ **HYMN #517**

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right to give God our thanks and praise.

(celebrant continues prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

We celebrate an open communion and welcome every person to the table. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a reenactment of an ancient vision of God's feast for all people. We don't require you to be a member of our church, or any church, to participate with us in this feast of grace: all that is needed is that you desire God's nurture. (We use gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice in an effort to remove barriers to anyone's participation in the sacrament.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bread of Life, in gratitude for the food that endures for eternal life, we praise you for the relationship that fills our hunger and quenches our thirst. Nourished by your grace flowing through this earthly bread and wine, may we find the strength to be broken, the fullness to be poured out, and the love to be shared in a world starving for mercy, compassion, and hope. Amen.

✕ **HYMN #450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Organ Symphony Finale

Camille Saint-Saens



Welcome to Church!

Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ, in a “net zero” building powered by clean energy. Our church is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence is a gift to us! We hope you will feel God’s Spirit here today through our worship and fellowship.

We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and love our neighbors as ourselves.

*This Church is **Open** to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment regardless of race, ancestry, class, gender identity, physical and mental ability or sexual orientation. We **Affirm** each individual as a child of God, celebrating the total identity of each person.*

*As an **Open and Affirming** Congregation, we commit to work toward ending ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination against any person.*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!*

If you are visiting us, Welcome! Please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of the Deacons. Fill out a welcome card in the pew to join our email list.

Kindly set phones to silent.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Ushers: Allison Gray & Pat Thompson

*Reader: Janet Accardo • Deacon: Dave Heck & Lisa Naumann • Communion servers: Dave Heck & Lisa Naumann, Don Mayland - assisting
Fellowship hosts: Parker and Ron Collins*

Today’s liturgy is adapted and reprinted from *Lectionary Liturgies* by the Rev. Thom Shuman © 2025 (lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); used by permission.

Our Ministry Team

Ministers: All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

Worship & Music

Music Director: David Baranowski
Bell Choir Director: Mary Davidson

Faith Formation

Sunday School Coordinator: Holly Tierney
Sunday School Assistant: Stephanie Tierney

Holding the Parts Together

Church Administrator: Catherine Chatham
Sexton: Richard Tietjen

Church Officers: Charlie Noyes, *moderator*;
Janet Offensend, *treasurer*; Liz Wing, *clerk*

In Our Prayers:

We gladly list joys and concerns, and typically print them for four weeks after they are offered in worship. (Prayer requests may be renewed at any time.)

New concerns:

Weekly prayer from UCC Global Ministries,
for the people of Sri Lanka and for our mission
partners.

Continuing concerns:

Friends and family now serving our country in the
armed forces • All those serving or living in war or
conflict zones around the world.

Family & Friends

who have passed away

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We thank God for the gift of life, and pray for the
Spirit's strong presence with family and friends
who grieve.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PASTORAL VISIT, please call the church office (860-435-2442) or email Catherine Chatham (catherine@salisburyucc.org). Sometimes we don't find out about an injury or illness or other need until long after — so please call!

This Week at Salisbury UCC

SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER

- 10AM Worship
 *followed by fellowship & refreshments
 in the Parish Hall*
11:30AM Church Council meeting

MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER

- 11:30AM Fall Festival set up continues
7 PM Corner Food Pantry meeting
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WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER

- 9:15AM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)
12:15PM Staff meeting
4 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER

- 8:45AM Men's Bible study
10 AM Fall Festival begins
12noon First Friday Music in the Meeting House

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER

- All day – Fall Festival Events
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SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER

- 10AM Worship and Sunday School
11:30AM Music committee meeting
11:30 AM Board of Religious Ed meeting



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